

# Coroner Holds Killing Justified

## Cop Shoots Youth Who Ran Amuck With Pistol

Justifiable homicide was the verdict of a coroner's jury Sunday when an inquest was held on the body of Herman Schneider, 25, killed Saturday night by Emergency Patrolman John Vannucci.

After wounding two men, sending a fusillade of pistol shots at the crew of a J. T. Hinton & Son ambulance and threatening the lives of several score of people in the business district on South Main street, Vannucci killed Schneider to end a wild west battle which held every element necessary to the production of the "wildest" melodramatic movie.

Schneider lived at 355 Shelby street, and formerly was employed by the 529 taxi company, 271 South Main street.

Vannucci's bullet struck Schneider in the heart. Another, hitting his wrist disabled Schneider's pistol hand and probably saved the policemen's lives, as Schneider was firing steadily, evidently realizing that this was a death battle.

Vannucci was accompanied by Patrolmen Thomas and Worley. The latter's bullet struck Schneider's wrist.

The coroner's verdict clears the policemen of all blame for the gunman's death. They fired both in defense of a large crowd gathered in the vicinity, police officers say, and to prevent Schneider's aim from taking their own lives when the suddenly turned gunman's performance was successful for a time in covering the entire locality on South Main street.

### Two Men Hit.

The men struck by Schneider's bullets were W. R. Tucker, 271 South Main street, owner of the taxi concern, and John Simpson, 1294 East McLemore avenue, negro employee of the Chicago garage. Simpson was struck in both forearms by a single bullet. His arms were extended in front of him when Schneider turned his gun in the negro's direction.

According to all reports obtainable by police, Schneider came to the 529 taxi stand at about 11:30, in an extreme state of intoxication.

Schneider was employed by the taxi concern until two weeks ago, when he was discharged for being drunk. It is said. He accosted Tucker, who was on the night watch at the stand, threatening him with his gun. Schneider then began shooting in every direction.

John Gammon, proprietor of the taxi company, was in a nearby restaurant when Schneider staged the first act of the melodrama which cost him his life. Tucker ran out of the stand, reporting the one-sided battle to Gammon.

Schneider's shooting up the place, Tucker yelled. "He's dead drunk. Look out."

Just as Gammon and Tucker stepped from the restaurant Schneider directed his fire toward them, and before they could escape one bullet struck Tucker in the leg.

Gammon braved the fire of Schneider's gun and yanked for a cab, thinking Tucker was more seriously hurt than he was. As a cab drove up to take Tucker, Schneider fired at the men again. No one was struck this time, Schneider's shots went wild.

## Sorrowing Mother Blames Blow On Head For Killing

A blow on the head, received when he was a boy, plus his love for whisky, was a sorrowing mother's explanation for the man in imminent danger.

When Tucker was placed safely in the cab, the driver threw the car into high gear and dashed away, carrying the gunman's victim to General hospital. Schneider walked a short distance south on Main street.

Schneider seemed to pause, as if he had begun to realize his actions. He was staggered badly. Then with out warning he raised his pistol arm and let go two shots at random. Simpson was the victim. Simpson was about to raise his arms in a signal of surrender to Schneider, when one of the bullets struck him. It hit both arms, passing through them.

The crowd, some distance away, began to scatter. Simpson was rushed to General hospital in a taxi.

**Calls Cops.**

When he saw that Schneider at this juncture decided to make it a battle to the death, probably realizing that he would be jailed for years for his unwarranted attack, and he dashed for rooms above the taxi stand.

Someone in the meantime, had put in a call for the Hinton & Son ambulance. When it reached the scene the attendants were met by a veritable fusillade of shots from a room on the second story of the building, where Schneider made his sensational last stand.

When he saw that it would be impossible for him to stop at the taxi stand or in the vicinity, the ambulance driver started a race for police headquarters, but the police emergency car, called by someone else, was not on the way.

Vannucci, Thomas and Worley were greeted by two shots as they reached the taxi stand. This failed to stop them and they made a dash for the room in which Schneider was continuing his fire. While the policemen were mounting the staircase Schneider sent a volley of three shots at them, but they went wild, and the men gained Schneider's floor.

Vannucci's shot struck Schneider in the heart, while Worley, firing at the stand, struck him in the wrist. Schneider's gun was still working, and it is probable that Worley's shot saved the policemen from injury or death.

Schneider's quick action ended the battle. Schneider was rushed downstairs and into the Hinton & Son ambulance. He was taken to General hospital, but he died on the way.

**Fired Patrol.**

Schneider was tried and acquitted in a Memphis court some years ago for the death of a man who was struck by a brick said to have been thrown by him. Records set the first time in police patrol car while Driver Sanderson was bringing him from Union station to headquarters for being drunk.

Police, however, fired about 12 shots during his attack, but others declare there were more shots than this. Nine bullets were found in his pockets. It is probable that of these would have become victims of Schneider's drunken rage. Gammon believes Schneider came to the taxi stand to pick a quarrel because he was discharged.

## HIS BULLET DEALS DEATH



JULIO VANNUCCI.

## Schneider Ready To Die, He Said Before Killing

The revolver used by Schneider belonged to John Gammon. It is said he got it from a desk drawer earlier in the evening, when Gammon was not present. Gammon stated Monday that Schneider had come to his office and said, "Gammon, something terrible is going to happen to me tonight. I feel it. But I don't care. I am ready to die. It will be the best thing that could happen to me."

Gammon stated that Schneider here referred to a pledge he had taken before a priest never to drink again. He broke his oath after three months of abstinence.

### PAWNBROKER SLAIN.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Nov. 15.—With his throat cut, and 21 other cuts and bruises about his head and shoulders, and his hands striped of more than \$5,000 worth of diamonds, the body of N. Matjasie, local pawnbroker, was found in the rear of his store. Grips and suitcases were scattered about, and a broken revolver and a heavy iron bar found near the body indicated that a terrific struggle had been waged by the murdered man for his life.

## Jap Premier Scouts Idea U. S. Conflict

TOKIO, Nov. 15.—Premier Hara, addressing 5,000 of his supporters at Maebashi, said no question has been more keenly watched than the anti-Japanese legislation in California. He declared it would be regrettable if the question affected the good relations of Japan and the United States, but that a conflict was unthinkable.

Intelligent people in both countries value each other's friendship too much for that, the premier asserted, and the United States never yet had disregarded Japan's rights and interests no matter what questions arose between the two countries.

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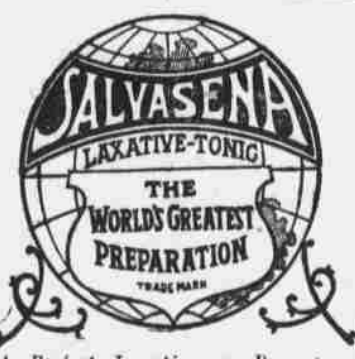
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## N. Y. RESTAURANTS SEEK LIQUORS FOR COOKING

Recent Ruling of Supreme Court Reopens Matter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Failure of the internal revenue department to grant permits to use alcoholic liquors for cooking purposes has removed from the menus of restaurants, hotels and clubs "some of the most popular and delicious dishes." William H. Hirst, council for the Society of Restaurants of New York, declared in a letter to Federal Prohibition Officer Kramer, made public here.

Declaring the ruling of the supreme court in the Street case reopens the question of the authority for and correctness of ruling of the commissioner of internal revenues, Mr. Hirst urges that applications for those permits "now have the prompt attention of the internal revenue collectors." The supreme court, he asserted, has pointed out that the prohibition of the Eighteenth amendment run specifically against "intoxicating liquors when used for beverage purposes," meaning that "there is no inhibition for the use of such liquors for cooking purposes."

## PLANE FACTORY CLOSED.

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## GASOLINE PRICES CUT IN 9 STATES

Two Standard Oil Companies  
Announce Downward Revision Effective Today

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Tank wagon prices of gasoline will be reduced one cent a gallon today in states in which the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and the Standard Oil company of Louisiana operate. It was announced here by Walter C. Teagle, president of the New Jersey company.

States in which the reduction will be effective include New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia, in which the Standard Oil company of New Jersey operates, and in Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas, in which the Louisiana company operates.

The reduction of prices is not the result of lower costs, either of crude oil or labor, Mr. Teagle said, but is a movement on the part of the company to aid in lowering of prices as part of the general commercial adjustment.

Prices of tank wagon gasoline under the reduction will vary in the different states, it was explained, owing to differences in freight costs. The effect upon the retail price generally was not predicted by temporary officials. In New Orleans the price will be reduced to 23c, cents today. The present New Jersey price is from 31 to 33 cents.

## PRICES DOWN CENT IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—Reduction in tank wagon prices of one cent per gallon for gasoline, effective today throughout the states of Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas, was announced by the Standard Oil company of Louisiana, "as an aid to the restoration of what was properly considered normal prices."

## Bolshevik Kick About Long Delay

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The latest note sent by M. Tchicherin, the Russian Bolshevik foreign minister, to Lord Curzon, the British foreign minister, complains, according to the Daily Herald (labor organ), of the continual procrastination on the part of the British government in the negotiations for the resumption of trade relations, and asks for immediate resumption, and the swift conclusion of the negotiations.

## Thompson Takes Ship Board Post

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 15.—Frederic I. Thompson, of Mobile, publisher of the Mobile Register and Mobile News Item, appointed to the five-year term on the United States shipping board, has announced his acceptance of the appointment, according to a statement issued today.

## Hungarians Mourn Signing Of Treaty

BUDAPEST, Nov. 15.—When the peace between Hungary and the entente allies came up in the national assembly the deputies rose and sang the national anthem and then voted for ratification amid absolute silence. The Christian nationalists, Slovaks, Croats, Germans, Western Hungarians and members of the extreme right departed from the chamber. It was ordered that the black flag of mourning should fly over public buildings during the application of the treaty.

## COOPERAGE MILLS CLOSE.

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., Nov. 15.—The mills of the Brooklyn Coopers company, a branch of the American Sugar Refining company, have been closed indefinitely, unsettled conditions precipitating the shutdown, according to Manager W. N. Barron. The concern had approximately 1,000 employees.

## WILL SETTLE REFUGEES.

VIENNA, Nov. 15. (Jewish Telegraph Agency).—The committee caring for Ukrainian Jewish refugees in Bessarabia has received an official offer from the Brazilian government to settle 2,500 Jewish families at government expense, says a report from Kishineff. The committee accepted the offer and is sending out a commission to investigate the condition of the land.

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